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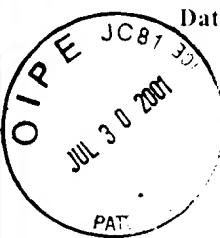
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application:

- Response to Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing Requirement (1 page);
- Preliminary Amendment (2 pages);
- Initial computer readable form (CFR) copy of the "Sequence Listing" (1 disk);
- Initial paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" (9 pages);
- Statement in Support of CRF Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(F) (1 page);
- Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);
- Check #9665 for \$695.00; and
- Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment of fees, to the undersigned's account. Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-557. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH SEQUENCE LISTING  
REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.821 - 1.825**

In response to the February 28, 2001 Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, Applicants file this Response in order to incorporate the initial Sequence Listing, filed herewith, into the U.S.S.N. 09/494,585 patent application. Applicants concurrently submit herewith a initial computer readable form (CFR) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

Applicants also file concurrently herewith a petition for a four (4) month extension of time. With this extension, a response is due on or before July 30, 2001. A check for \$695.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(4) is enclosed. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Attorney Reference No. 15966-557 (CURA-57)).

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